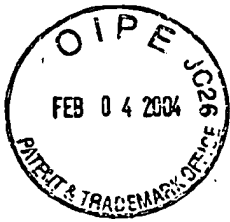


Substitute Specification



INK JET RECORDING APPARATUS AND
HANDLING METHOD THEREOF

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to an ink jet recording apparatus and a handling method thereof, and more particularly, it relates to an ink jet recording apparatus which is forwarded or shipped from a manufacturing factory in a condition that transporting ink different from recording ink is filled in a recording head, and a method for handling such an ink jet recording apparatus.

Related Background Art

As recording apparatuses having a printer, copier or facsimile function or recording apparatuses (printing apparatuses) used as a composite electronic equipment including a computer or a word processor or as an output equipment such as a work station, there has widely been proposed an ink jet recording apparatus in which recording is executed by discharging ink toward a recording medium (recording paper and the like) such as paper, cloth, plastic sheet, OHP sheet and the like in response to image information (recording information). Further, there are various requirements for material of the recording medium, and, recently, development for such requirements has been advanced, with the result that an ink jet recording apparatus, in which cloth, leather, non-woven fabric or metal, as well as paper (including thin paper and treated paper) as a normal recording medium or a resin film (OHP sheet and the